

This listing of claims will replace the originally filed claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1: cancelled.

14. (Previously Amended) A structure for supporting two opposed skins, the structure comprising:

- a rib having a pair of opposed outer edges;

- a pair of joining members, each comprising:

- a first surface adapted for bonding to a surface of one of the skins via an adhesive layer, wherein the first surface comprises at least one ridge extending therefrom for determining a bond-line thickness of the adhesive layer;

- a second surface opposite the first surface and comprising a groove having an inner surface adapted for receiving and bonding to an outer edge of the rib via another adhesive layer;

- wherein one of the outer edges of the rib extends into the groove of a corresponding one of the pair of joining members and is bonded to the corresponding joining member via a first adhesive layer formed in the [grove] groove of the corresponding joining member; and

- wherein the other outer edge of the rib extends into the groove of the other joining member and is bonded to the other joining member via a second adhesive layer formed in the groove of the other joining member.

15. (Original) The structure as recited in claim 14, wherein a bond-line thickness of the first adhesive layer is determined by a pair of ridges extending outward from substantially planar sidewall surfaces of the groove of the corresponding joining member.